

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the application, with each of Claims 1-5 being independent. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Pinard (U.S. Patent 5,898,432) in view of Horwitz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,774,866).

Please amend Claims 1-5 as set forth herein. No new matter has been added.

On August 12, 2009, Applicant's representative met with the Examiner to discuss the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Interview proved productive.

Initially discussed during the Interview was the combination of Pinard and Horwitz. Pinard discloses an animated cursor and discloses changing upon the occurrence of a function the form of a cursor, the form of which relates to the function. Horwitz discloses a computerized program checking system for organizations, and discloses an alarm signal that produces the display of a flashing icon that can be clicked on to respond to the alarm signal.

During the Interview, the present invention was discussed in detail. It was explained to the Examiner that the present application discloses a method wherein an icon, when clicked upon, will produce different results depending on a current state. That is, in the present application, both the form and clickable function of the icon will change based on the state change, in that a different task operation module is associated with the state indicator before and after the state change. The Examiner agreed that this description of the present application is clearly different from the combination of Pinard and Horwitz, a combination that results in a clickable icon that changes form and "function", but does not change the response that will result when the icon is clicked upon.

Claims 1-5 have been amended herein to more clearly recite that which is disclosed in the

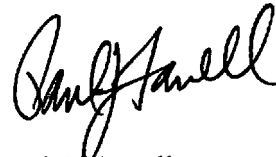
present application.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that during the interview, the Examiner stated that she would review any proposed claim amendments to assist in arriving at allowable claims, but stated that in such a wide field, a new search would still be required.

Accordingly, it is believed that all claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-5 are in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Farrell", written in a cursive style.

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